I am in favor of the DirectTV-Dish merger and ask that you vote for it...

- 1) Cable is the real competition for most of the public. Based on the recent disputes over programming costs it seems like a larger satellite will have better price control.
- 2) Picture quality The additional bandwidth will hopefully allow of less compression
- 3) More HD TV Cable wants to recompress and they are still fighting over the new broadcast antenna (Denver). There's no HD DVD. I'd like to see more PPV  $\rm HDTV$ .
- 4) High speed internet. The current \$70 is too expensive. Cable modems not available (AT&T) really needs the competition. DSL has just shown up, but I'd like a competing option.

Thanks